

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER
ON THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillor Campbell (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs Banevicius, Bradbury, Mrs Brettell, Brown, Constable, Drinkwater, Mrs Evans, Mrs Fisher, Heath, Humphreys, Isaacs, James, Mosson, Norman, Mrs Rigby, Mrs Tranter, Walker MBE and Willis-Croft

In attendance

Mrs M Danby, Town Clerk

Ms J Minor, Administrative Assistant

Pastor R Lewis

Councillor Wilcox, Leader, LDC

One member of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions or comments were raised.

CANNOCK AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

Pastor Lewis explained that a central foodbank had been established in Cannock where food is collected and stored in a warehouse. The food is distributed to satellite foodbanks - Burntwood hosts one of these via the Emmanuel Church.

Pastor Lewis said that he is networking with Job Centres, Social Services, CAB, junior schools, etc to publicise the scheme.

The foodbank operates through a voucher system - vouchers are requested from agencies, i.e. social services, etc. Pastor Lewis also said that people are signposted to the various agencies so that they might claim any benefits they are entitled to. He said that he also counsels people with addiction problems. Pastor Lewis said that food donations could be taken to the local collection point, i.e. Emmanuel Church.

Councillor Campbell thanked Pastor Lewis for his very informative presentation.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Councillor Walker MBE.

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs Stokes, Taylor and Mrs Woodward

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None declared.

88. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 08 November 2012 (Minute Nos. 66 - 85) be received and approved as a correct record.

89. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Campbell said it had been a busy and enjoyable time since the last meeting. Engagements attended had included:

- Remembrance events
- Grant Aid Presentation Evening
- High Street Innovation Fund consultation evening with local traders and LDC colleagues
- Holly Grove Primary School "snowball" event

90. PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committee held on 31 October 2012 (Minute Nos. 48 - 53), 22 November 2012 (Minute Nos. 54 - 59) and 13 December 2012 (Minute Nos. 60 - 65) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

91. GRANT AID COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Grant Aid Committee held on 31 October 2012 (Minute Nos. 1 - 5) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

92. BURNTWOOD WAKES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Burntwood Wakes Committee held on 01 November 2012 (Minute Nos. 18 - 22) and 13 December 2012 (Minute Nos. 23 - 27) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

93. BURIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Burial Grounds Committee held on 03 December 2012 (Minute Nos. 12 - 16) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

94. BEST VALUE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Best Value Committee held on 03 December 2012 (Minute Nos. 10 - 13) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

95. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 10 December 2012 (Minute Nos. 26 - 30) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

96. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 December 2012 (Minute Nos. 15 - 18) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

**97. LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOCAL PLAN STRATEGY - PROPOSED SUBMISSION CONSULTATION**

RESOLVED That the following submission be relayed to Lichfield District Council:

The Town Council reiterates its previous submission with regard to the above (our letter dated 06 September 2012 refers). Members would add that they believe there is a pressing need for the Strategy to pay due regard to the recently announced Benefits cuts and the New Homes Bonus, both of which will have a significant impact on the District and thereby the Strategy.

Members also added that they would like to see an ongoing relationship with the Burntwood Town Strategy acknowledged within the Strategy.

98. SANKEYS CORNER ART MINERS' PROJECT (SCAMP)

Members were reminded that the Town Council had previously agreed to submit the Planning Application for SCAMP to be erected at Sankeys Corner.

Staffordshire County Council (SCC) had informed the Town Council that it would only grant the licence to the Council, not the Burntwood Chase Heritage Group (BCHG), for the sculpture to be erected on County land. The SCC licence, which will cost around £100, will require the Town Council to be responsible for the installation of the sculpture, its maintenance and insurance.

The BCHG had offered to gift the sculpture and its maquette to the Town Council, thus enabling an application to be made for the SCC licence.

The Town Clerk had ascertained that it would cost an additional £408 (2013/14 premium) to insure the sculpture.

Members were requested to consider whether the Town Council:

- Accepts the BCHG's offer to gift the sculpture and maquette.
- Agrees to make the application for the SCC licence.

RESOLVED That the Council accepts the BCHG's offer to gift the sculpture and maquette subject to no financial responsibility falling to the Council with regard to the installation and plinth at Sankeys Corner. The Council also agreed to apply to SCC for the licence, as set out above.

99. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN 08 NOVEMBER AND 18 DECEMBER 2012

RESOLVED That the Schedule of Payments totalling £44,942.06 made between 08 November and 18 December 2012 be received and noted.

(The Meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.)

Signed

Date